(*c*) whether they have any proposal for the revision of the scales of pay of the contingency staff in any department ; and

(*d*) if so, what they are ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), the question does not arise.

Age of Superannuation.

89. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any scheme is in contemplation to revise the recent orders raising the age of superannuation of Government officers to 58 ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : No.

Pension.

90. * **Mr. K. S. Joseph** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of officers drawing a pay of over Rs. 50 that retired from service on or before 1-1-1121 in the Education, Medical and Public Health Departments and after 1-7-1120 ;

(*b*) the names and number of those whose pensions have not been sanctioned ;

(*c*) why so much delay has been made in each case ;

(*d*) whether there is a circular that retiring officers should be enabled to draw their pensions within three months of their retirement ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar :

(*a*) Education Department 3
Medical Deparment 5
Public Health Department 1

(*b*) One, *viz.*, Mr. C. V. Varghese, retired Assistant Inspector of Schools.

(*c*) Time taken for settlement of liabilities and rectifying defects in the pension papers.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative. But Government have issued instructions to all Heads of Departments that pension cases should be disposed of with the least possible delay.

Revision of salaries of Government servants.

91. * **Mr. K. Shahul Hameed** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the departments in which grade system of pay has been substituted by the scale system of pay in the revision of salaries of Government servants brought into effect from 1-6-1119 ; and

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[Mr. K. Shahul Hameed.]

(*b*) whether officers receiving the same fixed pay in the same department were placed in different scales of pay in any of these departments ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) Anchal Department.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : With reference to answer to part (b) may I know the reason ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : The number in the higher scale has been fixed. Seniors in the lower grade will be promoted to the higher grade.

Time Scale.

92. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any proposal for introducing time scale for pay and services for the ministerial staff in the Secretariat and the Account Office ;

(*b*) if so, why these offices alone are being selected ;

(*c*) whether any gradation will be fixed ;

(*d*) if so, who will be the authority ; and

(*e*) whether the senior men who have put in years of service will be given any immediate benefit ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government consider that as these offices are their central offices, the ministerial staff in them should be of the best type available and with a view to attracting the best men, higher scales of pay than in the other offices are considered necessary.

(*c*) The gradation is proposed to be two clerks in the upper division for one clerk in the lower division.

(*d*) The authority competent to make appointments in the offices concerned will also be the authority for giving effect to the regradation.

(*e*) The question will be considered after formal orders have been issued on the proposals.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether any other Department has prayed for a time scale ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : A few departments have prayed for a time scale.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : With reference to answer (b), may I know whether the ministerial staff is appointed by the Public Service Commissioner ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know whether any special instruction is given to the Public Service Commissioner in the selection, to know whether there are people ?

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